

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventor: Akira NAKANO et al. Art Unit 4185
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For: HERMETIC COMPRESSOR AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SUCTION MUFFLER

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the art listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. Attached is a Chinese Office Action dated November 20, 2009, which issued in a corresponding Chinese Patent Application.

The cited art is listed in the attached PTO-1449 for an indication of consideration by the examiner. Copies of any references listed on the PTO-1449, besides U.S. patent documents are submitted herewith.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention; see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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Respectfully submitted,

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